

### Claims

Claims 1-15 (cancelled)

16 (previously presented) A method of reducing uric acid in a patient in need thereof to treat a condition, said method comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a xanthine oxidase inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to achieve a uric acid level in the patient of 4 to 6 mg/dl, wherein said condition is hypertension.

17. (previously presented) A method of reducing uric acid in a patient in need thereof to treat a condition, said method comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising allopurinol, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to achieve a uric acid level in the patient of 4 to 6 mg/dl, wherein said condition is hypertension.

18. (new) A method for treating hypertension in a subject in need thereof, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of allopurinol, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.